

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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In the Specification:

Please amend the indicated paragraphs as follows:

[0025] The support pins 204 are coupled between the base plate 202 and the support ring 206 to space the support ring 206 firmly in place above the base plate 202. The support pins 204 may be coupled to the base plate 202 and the support ring 206 in a suitable manner, such as by welding, screwing, staking, interference fit, bolting, bonding, and the like. Alternatively, the support pins 204 may be an integral part of either the base plate 202 or the support ring 206, or both, such as a molding, casting, forging, or machined from a single block of material. In the embodiment shown in Figure 2A, the support pins 204 are bolted substantially perpendicularly to the base plate 202 through holes 262 ~~(not shown)~~ formed in the base plate 202 beneath each of the support pins 204 by fasteners 260 (one is shown). The support pins 204 are coupled to the support ring 206 along numerous projections 212 having a hole 214 for bolting the support ring 206 to the support pin 204.

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